

## CORRESPONDENCE

## YANKTON.

Glorious harvest weather! Lola Slater is visiting her brother, Wm. Slater.

The creamery is the main topic of conversation.

The Michigan society will hold their picnic in Yankton on Aug. 26.

The Improved Order of Red Men will give a dance Saturday, Aug. 21.

Steve Lampa and J. Maczuga are putting in a well on the J. N. Brinn farm.

A moving picture show was given in the Grange hall one evening this week.

Herbert Howard and family are enjoying many delightful auto rides in their locality.

Drays conveying sacks of beans keep the dust flying between Yankton and the cannery.

Miss Elva Peterson of Southland, has been spending the past two weeks visiting with Mrs. Carlson.

Eber Brown is working through the Bachelor Flat and North Warren districts with his threshing crew.

Miss Dollie Dutton returned to her home in Salem after spending two weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

H. O. Howard has his three big barns well filled with this season's crop of hay, nearly all of which was secured without rain.

Dave Vincent has been helping J. A. Robinette harvest the fine field of grain on the Orchard tract, owned by Mrs. Ella Briggs of Spokane.

The farmers of this neighborhood are very busy with their bean crops, and pickers have been very much in demand during the past two weeks.

Fred Briggs and son, Martin, journeyed to Pittsburg on the 16th, bringing home with them a thoroughbred Lincoln heavy-wool producer from the well-known Virgil Powell flock.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Udy have been entertaining his mother, Mrs. W. H. Udy of Gresham, during the past week. Mrs. Udy was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Nellie Dawes.

Kenneth, the little son of Mrs. Minnie Peterson, fell while at play Sunday and fractured his left arm at the elbow joint. The doctor was called at once and pronounced it a very serious injury.

An outing party consisting of Miss Iva Tarbell, Earl Bushong, Miss Carrie Bushong and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tarbell, drove through to Clatskanie last Friday, attended Pomona Grange on Saturday, returning Monday evening after a most delightful trip over the Columbia Highway.

While bathing in Milton creek on the Briggs farm one day last week, little Linda Leneia, aged 8 years, got stuck in a deep hole and came near drowning. She was rescued by Clarence Fritz, aged 15 years, who saw her peril and came to her rescue, and with some difficulty got her out of the hole.

It is a good thing to patronize the home merchant, a better thing to be able to market your produce at home, but the best thing of all is to have your fun at home—so think the young folks of the Happy Hollow

district and the mill settlement. They have fitted up a pavilion for dancing, and the first neighborhood hop, under the direction of Verne Smith and Guy Crosby, is reported a very pleasant affair.

## TRENHOLM.

Mrs. Henry McAllister paid Houlton a visit Sunday.

Will Woerner left for Portland on a short business trip Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hein and family motored to Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kyle motored to St. Helens Saturday evening on business.

Mrs. Mode Griffith and Mrs. McAlloy journeyed to the county seat Tuesday.

Miss Esther Manners of Astoria, is the guest of Mrs. John McAllister for a week.

Mrs. Walter Sharp and niece, Mrs. Smith of Happy Hollow, visited Mrs. Fred Schneider Monday.

Mrs. Gus Whittenbel and family are home again after a visit of several weeks in Portland.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Mrs. P. E. Brockway, and Melissa Cullen, were Portland visitors the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Portland, made a week end trip to Trenholm to visit Mrs. Woods' mother, Mrs. Kline.

Mrs. E. A. Crouse and nieces, Freda and Nina Crouse, are visiting Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Coleen Crouse for the week end.

Will Eastman, son of Watson Eastman, president of the Western Cooperative Co., and party, motored to Trenholm Sunday.

Our new janitor, Mr. Griffith, is giving the school house a regular fall cleaning. From the amount of labor put into the work, results should be entirely satisfactory to the most exacting.

Letters and cards to friends from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, who are making a three months' tour of the continent, including the exposition, are full of enthusiasm over the wonderful sights being seen. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and sons are expected home the last of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olsen had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Woerner and daughter, Mr. Van Ice and Mr. Olsen's mother, Mrs. E. Olsen, all of Portland. Mr. Woerner is treasurer of the Western Cooperative Co., and the party motored from Portland and pronounced the new road fairly good.

The traveling moving picture show that has made an annual tour here for the past few years, visited our settlement Thursday and Friday nights. For twenty cents admission price, better pictures should have been produced, and not a few were disappointed. A little of the "sublime with the ridiculous" is sometimes good policy, even in out-of-the-way places.

## REUBEN.

Mrs. W. E. Giberson was a Kalama visitor Tuesday.

Miss Sophia Rambalskie was a guest of her brother, C. Rambalskie, over Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Lindsay returned home Wednesday from a two weeks' visit with friends at Hubbard, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ounthier and children of Portland, are the guests of Mr.

and Mrs. J. M. Lindsay this week.

L. G. Henderson and family of Portland, have moved into the Philip Linton home at this place. Mr. Henderson is the night railroad agent at Goble.

Mrs. M. Newton and daughters, Mrs. R. A. Brown and Margaret Was-serwick of Seaside, are the guests of Mrs. Newton's mother, Mrs. Jane Zenor.

Harold Giberson of Oak Point, has accepted a position with the Columbia Timber Co., moved his family to this place Monday. They will occupy one of Frank Bishop's houses.

## WARREN.

A. Johnson made a business trip to Scappoose Monday evening.

Services were well attended at the Evangelical church Sunday evening.

Ralph Spalding who is working on Sauvie Island, spent Sunday at home.

John Parry, who was a business visitor in Portland last week, returned with a new Ford.

F. W. Lonegren, editor of the Swedish paper "Oregon Posten," held a lecture at the Lutheran church Thursday evening.

Rev. Segenhammer of Oklahoma City, Okla., visited with old acquaintances here Friday, and also held services at the Swedish church.

C. J. Larson, Wm. Hammerback, Harold Carlson and the Misses Agnes Anderson, Anna Larson and Signe Kalberg, left last Saturday for a trip to Mt. Hood, returning home Thursday.

## THE WATER-POWER CONFERENCE.

"Representatives of the water-power states are to meet in conference at Portland for the purpose of agreeing on a plan by which water power can be developed with due regard to the interests of the greatest number. The impression is being fostered in some quarters that the calling of this conference is a reactionary move by opponents of conservation and that an attempt will be made to stifle free discussion and to commit the conference to a certain prearranged program," says the Oregonian.

The initiative toward calling the conference was taken by the Oregon legislature. To commit the interested states to any particular program would have been impossible, even if it had been desired. Representation of all shades of opinion in each state, and, after the fullest and freest discussion, agreement on a plan which will serve the common interests of all the states concerned, are assured by the diversity of method by which the conferees were elected and by the diversity of political opinion among the appointing powers. In some states the conferees were elected by the legislature, and in others they were appointed by the governor. In some states the legislature or governor is republican, in others Democratic. As discussion will revolve around the Ferris bill, those conferees who support the Wilson administration will naturally be predisposed in favor of that measure, while opponents of Mr. Wilson may be predisposed against it. But party politics do not enter into the matter. Without regard to party, it is presumed that the interests of his state and of all the water-power states will be the paramount consideration with each delegate.

The purpose of the conference is not reaction from the policy of conservation to that of prodigal distribution of public property among private, monopolistic interests; it is progress in the development for public interests of a public resource which has been locked up for ten years by the policy of reservation. As owners of the water and as the communities which will profit directly by development of power, the states have immeasurably the largest interest in the subject. By all principles of justice and equity, they should have a major voice with the government which owns only the abutting land, in deciding by what means and on what terms water power shall be developed.

At this point the states disagree with the government. Congress representing the smaller interest, has undertaken without consulting the states to dictate terms. The House has adopted and the Senate committee has recommended with some material changes the Ferris bill, which treats water power rather as a source of joint revenue for nation and states than as a resource to be developed for the good of the states which own it. The states are not as much interested in deriving a revenue from water power, except in the shape of taxes to defray a fair share of their expenses, as they are interested in the earliest and fullest development of water power on such terms as will insure its sale at the lowest prices to their people.

Were the Ferris bill enacted it would not promote development. It would give rise to such conflicts between Federal and state law that if any corporation sought a government

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 16, 1895.

N. A. Perry and wife of Houlton, are spending a few days at Clatsop beach.

Columbia county alone has suffered many thousands of dollars loss in the last six weeks by fire.

E. E. Quick, George Brinn, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deming and Mrs. J. G. Muckle were among the Portland visitors the past week.

The trip to the beach last Friday night by the Knights of Pythias was one of the grandest affairs of the season.

The office of the law firm of Allen & Cleaton has recently been moved to the Quick building on the Wikstrom wharf.

Electricity is relieving city horses of drudgery and the agricultural journals are looking forward to the time when electric feed wires will reach out to the farms to do the pruning, threshing, churning, chopping and eventually the plowing. Already an electric plow has been tested in Germany and is found to perform its work well.

lease, it could not comply with both. It could not obtain title to both water power and power site; it therefore could not raise money to construct a plant and the net product of its efforts would be litigation. The bill attempts such usurpation of state power that any attempts to enforce it would probably result in its invalidation in accordance with a long line of decisions on kindred questions. Hence the bill cannot start development and cannot produce revenue. It can only prolong the government's holdup action by the states to develop the water which is their exclusive property.

The monopoly which sponsors of the Ferris bill profess to fear is a bugaboo which has no terrors for the Western states. Being far better informed on the facts than any officials of the government or any members of congress, they know that a monopoly is impossible. Each having a commission to regulate rates of public service, they have no fear of extortion by any corporation, no matter how large, which may develop power. For this reason they are not as anxious as congress and Secretary Lane seem to be that revenue be derived from rentals. Whatever rental is charged must be added to the price of power. If none is charged, power will be proportionately cheaper. State utility commissions will see to that. Were all the rentals derived from water power in any one state applied to reclamation of arid and in that state, Oregon, for one, might object less strenuously to this feature of the bill, but this state will not consent to throw rentals of its water power into a general fund, whereby Oregon would continue to be a milk cow for other states.

The water-power conference has been called, not for the purpose of obstructing legislation, but for the purpose of securing to the states which are directly interested a voice in shaping it. The Ferris bill deals with property in which they have by far the largest interest. Until the rise of Pinchotism it was an accepted precept that the public land is held in trust for the benefit of the states in which it lies. Hence the state's interest should be the prime consideration in disposing of the government's power sites. The states should therefore have a controlling part in framing the law. They are best able to judge of what is for their own good, but their opinions have been persistently ignored and have been misrepresented as emanating from monopolistic foes of conservation. The conference will speak so authoritatively as representing all shades of opinion among the people whom it represents that its conclusions cannot be brushed aside so easily.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Lucy Grauman vs. Francis M. Thorp; action for recovery of personal property valued at \$2000.00.

J. W. McDonald vs. National Sales Co.; action demanding judgment for \$6218.09, with interest.

Lulu E. Parmely vs. W. E. Guild et al.; complaint filed to foreclose mortgage.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

F. J. Freeman and Ida I. Takalo, both of Rainier, Oregon.

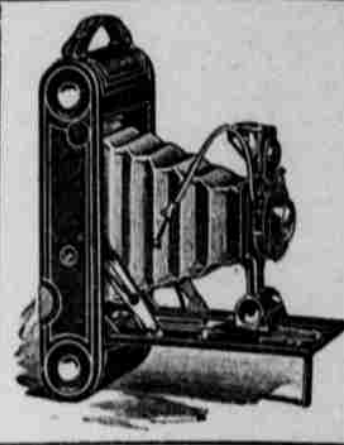
R. V. Jones, Jr., and Luella V. Casey, both of Portland, Oregon.

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